IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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AMENDMENT

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This Amendment follows the Office Action of August 1, 2007, the shortened statutory period for response to which expires on November 1, 2007.

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